

Amendments To The Specification

Please replace paragraphs [0055] and [0070] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0055] Figs. 7, 8 and 10 show details of the brow bar 21 and of the connection between the brow bar 21 and the bridge 22. The bridge 22 also includes two generally parallel resilient cantilevered arms 53 and ~~43-54~~ which extend towards a brow bar mounting end 55 and which are shaped to define the tabs 24. Axially aligned outwardly directed pins 56 are formed on the arms 53 and 54. The brow bar 21 has a surface 57 on which the pads 20 are mounted, for example, with a suitable adhesive, or with other known methods. The pads 20 are formed from a material which will readily conform to the user's forehead and will be comfortable when the mask 10 is worn for a long period of time. For example, the pads 20 may be gel filled or fluid filled pockets, or of a suitable resilient foam material. If the pad or pads 20 are of a foam material, the surface of the pads 20 which contacts the mask user's forehead may be covered with a soft, comfortable fabric.

[0070] The valve housing 153 has an interior portion 156 which is located in the chamber 138 and a tubular exterior portion 157 which is open to atmosphere. A web 158 separates the interior portion ~~157-156~~ from the exterior portion 158. An opening 159 extends through the center of the web 158. A valve member 160 is positioned in the housing 153. The valve member 160 has a shank 161 which extends through the opening 159. The shank 161 has a smaller diameter than the opening 159 so that air can flow between the shank 161 and the wall of the opening 159. The valve member 160 has a valve operating button 162 located on an exterior end of the shanks 161. A gap 163 is formed between the button 162 and the valve housing 153. The shank 161 has a bulbous portion 164 which is located on an interior side of the web 158. The bulbous portion 164 is sized and shaped to block the opening 159 when in contact with the web 158. A compression spring 165 is positioned between the valve operating button 162 and the web 158 to urge the bulbous portion 164 against the web

158 to close the valve 131. When the button 162 is pushed, air from the inflatable tube 123 is vented through the passage 129, the chamber 138 and the valve 131 to atmosphere.